

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. † 83
ANSWERED ON 11TH DECEMBER, 2018

INCENTIVE SCHEMES IN FPI SECTOR

†83. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is running any incentive scheme to set up food processing industries based on banana, mango, litchi, vegetables, tomato and maize in Bihar in view of more farming and production of these crops in the State;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the number of food parks planned to be set up in the country including the locations thereof and the number of food parks existing at present;
- (d) whether the Government is considering any incentive scheme to set up food park in Bihar; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
(SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam, the Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) is implementing a Central Sector Scheme – PRADHAN MANTRI KISAN SAMPADA YOJANA (PMKSY) for promotion and development of Food Processing Sector in the Country for processing of various agricultural produces including banana, mango, litchi, vegetables, tomato and maize throughout the country including in the state of Bihar.

The various schemes implemented under PMKSY are (i) Mega Food Parks; (ii) Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure; (iii) Creation/Expansion of Food Processing & Preservation Capacities; (iv) Infrastructure for Agro-processing Clusters; (v) Creation of Backward and Forward Linkages; (vi) Food Safety and Quality Assurance Infrastructure and (vii) Human Resources and Institutions.

(c) to (e): There is no location-wise plan to set up Mega Food Parks (MFPs) as MFPs are promoted by the private sector with the financial assistance of MoFPI as subsidy in the form of grants-in-aid that ranges from 50% to 75% of the eligible project cost subject to maximum of Rs.50 crore. The scheme is demand driven under which the promoters are selected through transparent selection process for which expression of interest (EoI) are issued and proposals are invited from the general public. As on date, 42 MFPs have been approved in different parts of the country including one (M/s Pristine Mega Food Park Pvt. Ltd., Khagaria) in the State of Bihar.
